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Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on June 3, 2003 (Paper No. 16), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 16 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

The response is timely filed, and Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Lexicon Genetics Incorporated Deposit Account No. 50-0892.